

May 12, 2008

Mr. Chris Joyner
The Clarion-Ledger
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RE: April 21, 2008, Request for Production of Governor Barbour's e-mails dated April 17, 2008.

Dear Chris:

This letter responds to your request dated April 21, 2008, for all e-mails sent or received by Governor Haley Barbour on April 17, 2008.

Eight (8) e-mails were sent or received by Governor Barbour on April 17, 2008, on the e-mail system in the Office of the Governor. Please find attached six (6) of those e-mails. Please note that some or all of the e-mails produced may be subject to an exemption or privilege from disclosure. By providing these e-mails, the Office of the Governor has not waived the assertion of any such exemption or privilege in the future with respect to this, or any other, public records request.

Two (2) e-mails are not being provided because they are exempt from disclosure under Mississippi law. The first e-mail contains a personnel recommendation, which is exempt from disclosure under Mississippi law; the second e-mail contains confidential commercial and financial information provided by a third party, which is also exempt from disclosure under Mississippi law. Additionally, the second e-mail is exempt from disclosure in that it contains a communication from senior staff to the Governor within the scope of executive and deliberative process privilege and, thus, is exempt from disclosure under Mississippi law. For all e-mails not produced, please note that the Office of the Governor reserves the right to assert additional privileges or exemptions from disclosure in the future as to this, or any other, public records request.

While the Governor's office did incur expenses related to the request, we have determined that there will be no costs assessed to The Clarion-Ledger.

